

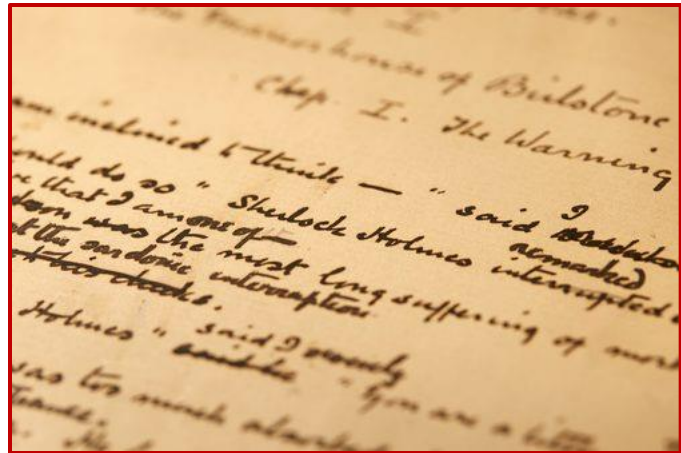
Meeting Notes

September 8 and 12, 2024

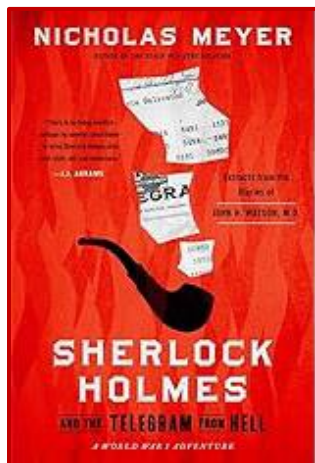


Reported by Peter E. Blau

The Red Circle gathered at Washington's Folger Shakespeare Library on September 8 to celebrate the arrival of the manuscript of *The Valley of Fear* in Washington, which seems quite appropriate, since Washington is mentioned in the story. The afternoon began in the Founders Room with the Folger's interim director Greg Prickman describing Stuart and Mimi Rose's magnificent collection of important books, and what was involved in selecting 52 of the books for the exhibition at the Folger. We then adjourned to the Exhibition Hall to hear Greg and Peter Blau discuss the manuscript of *The Valley of Fear*, and see the other wonders on display.



It's grand that the Folger's website offers a splendid virtual tour of the exhibition [www.folger.edu/whats-on/imprints-in-time-exhibition], which will be on display until January 5, and is well worth a visit.



The Red Circle returned to the Folger Shakespeare Library on September 12 to join members of the Folger in welcoming Nicholas Meyer to Washington. He was in the midst of his tour of the United States promoting his new novel *Sherlock Holmes and the Telegram from Hell*, which included events in Washington. The evening began in the Stuart and Mimi Rose Exhibition Hall with Greg Prickman presiding over a discussion of Sherlock Holmes and the manuscript of *The Valley of Fear* with Nick and Dan Stashower, and continued in the magnificent Reading Room with Nick reading from his book. He was then interviewed

by Dan Stashower, and answered questions from the audience, which was about half members of the Red Circle and half members of the Folger. Our website postcards were available for those who wanted to know more about us.

You can also listen to Scott Monty and Burt Wolder's interview with Nick at the "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" blog [www.tinyurl.com/4prcx9es] (among other things, Nick reveals the title of his next book), and read what Nick had to say about "The Great Escape of Art (and the Art of Detection)" on Apr. 24 at CrimeReads [www.tinyurl.com/2ztxeddv]. There's also a video recording of Nick's appearance with Otto Penzler at the Mysterious Bookshop in New York on Sept. 9, conveniently available at YouTube [www.tinyurl.com/36arhteb].

If you've been to the Folger in the past, you'll find that much has changed, and for the better. You will be able, for the first time, to see all of their 82 copies of Shakespeare's First Folio (the largest collection in one place in the world), and many other treasures. Of course you're more than welcome to become a member of the Folger [www.folger.edu/join-support/membership], helping to support the Folger, enjoying the membership benefits, and attending plays in their theater.